

Vote for Jos. W. Folk for Senator and Help Wilson Win the War

Wilson Appeals for Vote of Confidence of Nation

Says Return of Republican Majority Would Be Interpreted On the Other Side of the Water as a Repudiation of His Leadership—This Is No Time for Divided Council or for Divided Leadership



Washington, Oct. 25.—President Wilson, in a statement addressed to the American people today, flatly urges the election of a Democratic majority to the Senate and the House of Representatives. If the Republicans should win, he declares that his power to administer the great trust assigned to him by the Constitution would be seriously impaired.

It is "imperatively necessary," he declared, that the nation should give undivided support to the Government under a unified leadership.

"Unity of command," he wrote, "is as necessary now in civil action as it is upon the field of battle." He declared that the return of a Republican majority to either house of Congress would be interpreted on the other side of the water as repudiation of his leadership.

Text of Statement.

Following is the President's appeal:

"My Fellow Countrymen:

"The Congressional elections are at hand. They occur in the most critical period our country ever faced or is likely to face in our time.

"If you have approved of my leadership and wish me to continue to be your unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home and abroad, I earnestly beg that you will express yourselves unmistakably to that effect by returning a Democratic majority to both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Times Demand Frankness.

"I am your servant and will accept your judgment without cavil, but my power to administer the great trust assigned me by

the Constitution would be seriously impaired should your judgment be adverse, and I must frankly tell you so because so many critical issues depend upon your verdict.

"No scruple of taste must in grim times like these be allowed to stand in the way of speaking the plain truth.

"I have no thought of suggesting that any political party is paramount in matters of patriotism. I feel too deeply the sacrifices which have been made in this war by all our citizens irrespective of party affiliations to harbor such an idea.

"I mean only that the difficulties and delicacies of our present task are of a sort that makes it imperatively necessary that the nation should give its undivided support to the Government under a unified leadership, and that a Republican Congress would divide the leadership.

"The leaders of the minority in the present Congress have unquestionably been pro-war, but they have been anti-administration. At almost every turn since we entered the war they have sought to take the choice of policy and the conduct of the war out of my hands and put it under the control of instrumentalities of their own choosing.

Unity of Command Needed.

"This is no time either for divided council or for divided leadership. Unity of command is as necessary now in civil action as it is upon the field of battle. If the control of the House and the Senate should be taken away from the party now in power an opposing majority could assume control of legislation and oblige all action to be taken amidst contest and obstruction.

"The return of a Republican majority to either house of the Congress would, moreover, be interpreted on the other side of

the water as a repudiation of my leadership. Spokesmen of the Republican party are urging you to elect a Republican Congress in order to back up and support the President, but even if they should in this impose upon some credulous voters on this side of the water, they would impose on no one on the other side. It is well understood there as well as here that the Republican leaders desire not so much to support the President as to control him.

Germany Understands Election.

"The peoples of the allied countries with whom we are associated against Germany are quite familiar with the significance of elections. They would find it very difficult to believe that the voters of the United States had chosen to support their President by electing to the Congress a majority controlled by those who are not in fact in sympathy with the attitude and action of the administration.

"I need not tell you, my fellow countrymen, that I am asking your support not for my own sake, or for the sake of a political party, but for the sake of the nation itself in order that its inward unity of purpose may be evident to all he world.

"In ordinary times I would not feel at liberty to make such an appeal to you. In ordinary times divided counsels can be endured without permanent hurt to the country. But these are not ordinary times.

"If in these critical days it is your wish to sustain me with undivided minds, I beg that you will say so in a way which it will not be possible to misunderstand either here at home or among our associates on the other side of the sea. I submit my difficulties and my hopes to you.

"WOODROW WILSON."

GARDNER'S APPEAL

Governor Urges Election of Folk, Congressional Nominees and Entire Ticket in Interview.

Gov. Frederick D. Gardner, Missouri's popular war Governor, is keenly interested in the election of Gov. Joseph W. Folk to the United States Senate and every Democratic candidate for Congress, as is shown in the following interview which he has given the public:

"I am intensely interested in the result of the election on Nov. 5," said Gov. Frederick D. Gardner this morning. "Ever since the outbreak of the war Missouri has stood loyally behind President Wilson and has responded to every call. I am sure the state will continue to do so. In order to render him the fullest measure of support, it will be necessary to elect to the United States Senate a man who is in



hearty accord with his war policies and upon whom he can confidently rely in the difficult tasks confronting him in the reconstruction period. In former Gov. Joseph W. Folk Missouri has an opportunity to support such a man. His long experience in public life, his known ability and integrity, his intimate acquaintance with governmental affairs and his association with President Wilson during the years he spent in Washington fit him peculiarly for the work at this time.

"No man in Missouri stands higher with all her citizens than does Judge W. W. Folk, one of the ablest men who ever sat on the supreme bench in this state. The bar will bear me out in the statement that the opinions handed down by Judge Folk justify the high place that is accorded

him. With his intimate knowledge of Missouri laws and Missouri people, I am sure that his continuation as a member of its highest court will best serve the interests of the people of the state.

"The problems of reconstruction of education after the war make it important that one who is thoroughly in touch with them should be chosen as State Superintendent of Public Schools. The present incumbent, Uel W. Lamkin, has the necessary knowledge of the present situation and his record shows that he is thoroughly in accord with the idea that the public schools, taught by loyal citizens of the United States and using English as the language of instruction, are the real safeguards of American democracy.

"As Governor I am justly proud of the record made by the present administration during the past two years. It will stand the closest scrutiny of the people of the state. However, the work is not yet completed. In order to carry it to a successful conclusion, I shall have to have the support of the next General Assembly. To secure the best result, men in harmony with the state administration should be chosen to the Senate and House.

"For the reasons above stated, I believe that the interests of the state of Missouri and the interests of the country as a whole demand the election of the ticket nominated at the recent Democratic primary. I am sure that by choice of Gov. Folk as United States Senator and by the election of the Democratic nominees for Congress in the several districts the people of Missouri will send word to the great President of the United States that they will continue to support him to the utmost to the conclusion of a successful peace."

Let there be no misunderstanding in Berlin as to American unity. Back up the President by electing a Democratic Congress.

World Democracy can be made safe by electing a Democratic Congress behind a Democratic President.

Democracy the world over. Democracy in the White House. Democracy in Congress. Vote the Democratic ticket.

President Wilson tells Germany to surrender. Show the enemy that the people are behind the President by electing Democrats to Congress. Vote the Democratic ticket.

If the soldiers and sailors are willing to trust the President why not you? He wants a Democratic Congress. Vote the Democratic ticket and elect Democrats to Congress.

Barkeepers Are Necessary is Judge Spencer's Ruling

Senatorial Candidate So Held on Eve of Primary, August 5

Owners of saloons will not have to seek essential employment, according to a ruling of the District Appeals Board announced yesterday by Selden P. Spencer, chairman of the Board. About 35 questionnaires have been examined by the District Board, and eight were adjudged non-essential.

Spencer said that the ruling does not apply to men who are hired as barkeepers, and that saloon owners would not be given a deferred classification on this ground. He said the ground on which the Board made its ruling was that the case of saloon owners is similar to that of restaurant proprietors. The latter, while not held essential, are not included in the work or fight order, while waiters and attendants who do not control the business are held as non-essential.

Both men who own saloons and act as barkeepers and those who are owners and engage in some other occupation or act as barkeepers at irregular periods are included in the order, according to Spencer, and will not have to do other work to keep out of the army.

The cases of saloon owners who have been ordered to seek essential employment by local boards will now be reversed.

The first ruling was made in the case of William E. Armstrong, 3512 Bell avenue, in the Twentieth Ward. Several of the ward boards had held that saloon keepers were not in the non-productive class, while the district board had previously indorsed orders for them to seek essential employment. — St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Tuesday, August 5.

Col. Jay L. Torrey, who ran against Judge Spencer, declared that the above ruling was made to control the saloon vote in St. Louis during the primary campaign.

For Supreme Judge—



JUDGE WALLER W. GRAVES, Of the Supreme Court.

As a member of the Supreme Court of Missouri, Judge Graves has attracted the attention of the nation. When President Wilson was looking for a member of the United States Supreme Court he was considered seriously for the place.

For Superintendent Schools—



UEL W. LAMKIN, State Superintendent of Schools.

The record of Mr. Lamkin is such that every citizen of Missouri who desires to see the State continue to forge ahead in educational matters should vote for him. His reputation is nation-wide and he has his heart in his work.

WHO FIGHTS FOLK?

Will Missouri's Verdict Send Joy or Grief to the Lawless Element?

As Circuit Attorney of St. Louis Joseph W. Folk uncovered more political corruption than has been brought to light in any other time or place in the history of the world. In doing so he incurred the ill will of many of the beneficiaries of the system of graft, some of whom were high up in the financial world. These are fighting him now.

As Governor he closed up the race tracks, and the race track gamblers are fighting him now. As Governor he secured the enactment of the primary law, placing the power in the people to control their own government. There were some who never liked this change from the old system under which the political bosses could thwart the power of the people. As Governor he enforced the liquor laws in such cities as St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. Because he enforced these laws the liquor interests are fighting him now.

As chief counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission Gov. Folk uncovered financial crookedness of the New Haven, Rock Island and a number of other railroad systems. Those who profited by the railroad financial graft are now opposing him. Folk's enemies are the enemies of the public. It is a very good rule, in order to determine on which side to fight, to look and see on which side the enemies of the public are fighting and then get on the other side and oppose them.

Who would rejoice if Folk were defeated? The grafters, the gamblers and the saloons would shout for joy, and there would be delight in every den of infamy in the state.

Is it better to serve the public than it is to serve the lawless? Folk has served the public. Will the public now stand by him? Mr. Voter, it is up to you to say whether you will send a message to the lawless that will cheer and encourage them or one that will discourage and depress. The defeat of Folk would encourage the lawless everywhere. His victory would cheer the law-abiding. — Lamar Leader.

THE GLOBE-DEMOCRAT

during the war with Spain said:

"This is again a McKinley campaign. The main issues are national. The election of a Democratic Congress will be anti-McKinley. The course of the President, past, present and future, would in that case, stand condemned by the people."—October 26th, 1898.

"The result of that election will be awaited with as much interest in Spain as in the United States.

"The foreign interests and reputation and domestic well-being of the United States are directly and inseparably bound up in Republican success. These are a few of the reasons why the Republican party will sweep the country tomorrow."—November 7th, 1898.

"The new Congress, as everyone conversant with public affairs can see, will deal with a highly important series of international problems. When the sun goes down, the people will have decided whether the President and Congress shall be in unison or arrayed against each other in political opposition, in settling the war, the President must necessarily take the initiative, with the assistance of the State Department. A Congress hostile to the executive, would multiply the difficulties needlessly and dangerously."—November 8th, 1898.

IF THEN—WHY NOT NOW?

THE KANSAS CITY STAR

during the war with Spain said:

"The people have stood together, regardless of politics, in supporting the Government in prosecuting the war, and there is sound logic in the contention of the Republicans that there should be no change in the control of Congress, until the issues arising out of the war are settled."—November 3, 1898.

IF THEN—WHY NOT NOW?

VOTE FOR JOSEPH W. FOLK FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS IN YOUR DISTRICT.